

MINUTES OF A MEETING
BROOKLYN FINANCE COMMITTEE

September 24, 2018

6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Van Kirk
Barb Paulitzky
Kathy Pucci

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

-Approval of minutes: MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to approve minutes of September 10, 2018, as amended. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

The Committee addressed the following Agenda items and recommended to Council:

-Res. #2018-6, Accepts the rates and amounts as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizes necessary tax levies and certifies them to the County Fiscal Officer. The rates are the same as last year. MOTION by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

-Ord. #2018-66, Authorizes the Mayor to enter contract with City of Cleveland for use of Ridge Rd. Transfer Station for disposal of solid waste. Cost is \$43.38/ton. This is a slight increase over last year. Councilwoman Pucci asked if we have any backup, or looked into having backup. Dir. Verba said he did not know, and will find out. She asked if there is anything from Cleveland on updates on the recycling, as Cleveland is fining people now. Dir. Verba said he has heard nothing from Cleveland regarding this. After further brief discussion, MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to recommend Council adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

-Ord. #2018-67, Declares the improvement of certain real property to be a public purpose pursuant to Revised Code Section 5709.40(b); declares improvement to be exempt from real property taxation; designates public infrastructures to be made that will directly benefit such property; requires annual service payments in lieu of taxes; designates a municipal public improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments; and authorizes compensation payments to the Brooklyn City School District. This was discussed in great detail at the previous meeting. MOTION by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

-Ord. #2018-73, Authorizes the purchase of one 2019 Labrie one-armed truck through cooperative purchasing for \$295,670. This was discussed at the previous meeting. MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to recommend Council adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

-Ord. #2018-75, Authorizing an amended Job Retention and Creation Grant Agreement with Inogen, Inc.
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-Res. #2018-7, Authorizes the Mayor to prepare and have prepared and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program, and to execute contracts as required. The plan is to do Hurricane Alley, West Biddulph and Biddulph Rd. east of Ridge. Mayor Gallagher said the project cost is \$611,000, and Brooklyn will be asking a 0% loan for 18 years for half the cost. She said we would have a better chance at a loan than a grant. Councilwoman Pucci asked if we had a timeline for the grant; Mayor Gallagher said it's due next week, so not yet. MOTION by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

-Ord. #2018-76, Authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Public Entities Pool of Ohio for the purpose of providing property and casualty insurance for the City of Brooklyn for the coverage period beginning Sept. 25, 2018 for a total annual cost not to exceed \$121,876. Finance Dir. Raguz pointed out this is just a 2.7% increase over last year. MOTION by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Finance Dir. Raguz said he's been meeting with directors on their budgets. He sent out emails to Council for budget sessions for Oct. 29th and Nov. 19th at 6 p.m. There was brief discussion on the dates. –He reported that the Finance Dept. has been learning the VIP system, and reports to Council will be starting next month, with year to date balances, and other information. Mayor Gallagher said the analytics component is not done yet, they are working with VIP on it; former Dir. Schaeffer had them incomplete when he left. Dir. Raguz reiterated they are learning it and will get it to Council then.

Mayor Gallagher said the city will be rolling out electronic payroll citywide, for next year, as it will fit the needs for all departments.

Law Dir. Butler noted that a \$360,000 check from IGS to the City will be coming in. Councilman Van Kirk asked if there was any news on the lawsuit regarding the solar farm; Dir. Butler said trial is scheduled for December, adding that the lawsuit is primarily between First Energy and the City of Cleveland.

There being no further business, MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to adjourn. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Meeting adjourned.

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Approved: 10.09.18